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WINS A GREAT CASE

Attorney Isaac H. Nutter with
Ex-Judge J. J. Crandall

SUCCESSFUL IN MURDER CASE

Jury Acquits Mrs. Peck of Murder
Charge—Defendant Swooned and
Carried Out of Court When Verdict
of "Not Guilty" is Returned.
Decision Not Unexpected.

Special to The Bee.

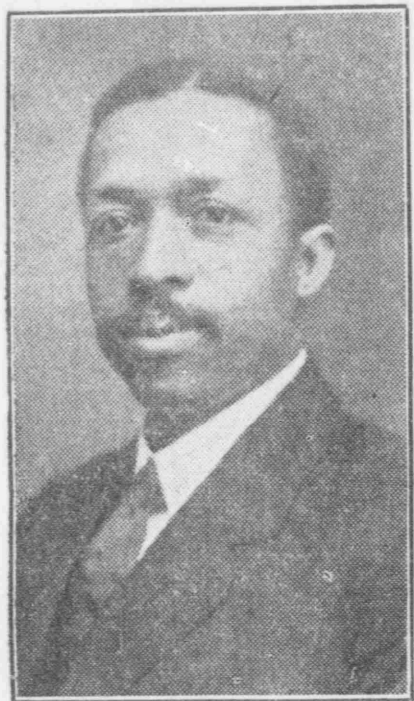
Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 18.
Mrs. Emma Peck, of this city, was
acquitted of the charge of killing her
husband, after the jury had been out
three quarters of an hour, Friday last
at Mays Landing.

When the jury came in with its
verdict at 3:30 o'clock, Mrs. Peck,
who was sitting before the bar, faint-
ed and would have fallen unconscious
to the floor had not constable Ernest
Jones, who, during the trial was the
prisoner's personal custodian, grabbed
her as she fell from her chair, and
for a moment there was a suspension
of business in the court until the de-
fendant was revived.

Clad in deep black garb, Mrs. Peck,
who is a very frail woman, sat for the
two days of the trial facing the jury
and the table on which the defense
had its papers and exhibits. There
were not many points on which either
the prosecution or the defense wanted
specific charges, and as a result Jus-
tice Kalisch charged the jury for
about three quarters of an hour. Then
the jury went out and forty-five min-
utes later returned with the verdict of
acquittal for which Lawyers Isaac H.
Nutter and J. J. Crandall had
fought for two days.

Justice Kalisch Reverses His Ruling.

During the progress of the trial
there occurred a lively tilt between
the prosecution and Lawyer Nutter
as to the admission of testimony
of witnesses testifying to the fact
that Peck had threatened to kill his
wife, and that the same threats had
been communicated to his wife. The
Judge sustained the State's objection
in the absence of the Atlantic Re-
porters cited by Mr. Nutter. To this
Nutter and Crandall noted exception.
At this point in the case, Lawyer J.
A. Lightfoot, who had assisted in the
preparation of the defense, took a



ISAAC H. NUTTER.

taxi-cab from Mays Landing to At-
lantic City to secure the cited report-
ers and within an hour and a quarter the
Atlantic Reporters were before the
Judge, who, with marked courtesy and
apology to Attorney Nutter, reversed
his former ruling and insisted that
the defense should call the witnesses.
To this the State offered no further
objection.

Dr. P. L. Hawkins in the Case.

During the trial the defense was
assisted by Dr. P. L. Hawkins, who
has always figured as an expert in all
the murder cases defended by Nutter
and Crandall. An amusing incident
occurred in that the physicians called
by the State refused to qualify as
experts when they became apprised
of the fact that Dr. Hawkins was in
the case with the defense. The local
physician had gained quite a reputa-
tion by the way he has always assist-
ed the defending attorneys in tying up
his brothers in white of his profes-
sion.

There were several spectacular fea-
tures that closed the case. When As-
sistant Prosecutor Schwinnhammer
opened the case on Friday morning
he announced that the State had aban-
doned the plea for a first degree ver-
dict, but asked for a second degree
verdict and Attorney Nutter fought
hard for an acquittal. It was also a
surprise that the State made no at-
tempt to rebut the testimony of the
defense.

It was on the evening of the 30th of
May last that the murder of Charles
Peck occurred, and at that time Law-
yer Nutter was attending the Alumni
meeting at Howard University. On
the morning following Lawyer Nutter
left Washington to attend Morgan

EX-JUDGE HEWLETT GOES WITH PROGRESSIVES.

Calls on the Colored Voters to Leave
Mr. Taft—A Cautious Letter to The
Bee.

Washington, D. C.
December 20, 1911.

Editor of The Bee:

After considering carefully your
strong appeal in behalf of Mr. Taft,
I am compelled to say, I shall never
forget and always hold dear the mem-
ory of the late Judge Taft, who had
no patience with those who attempt-
ed to draw the color line: Who be-
lieved in the enfranchisement of the
Negro, and, when Attorney General
rendered the opinion upon which
Grant acted in sending troops to pro-
tect the Negroes at the polls: who
was opposed to the separation of the
races. I shall always remember his
son William H. Taft, our President,
as the man who declared for the color
line in office holding: who, instead of
condemning, condoned disfranchise-
ment on account of color: who, from
the White House, declared that the
Negro must always be considered as
a separate and distinct race in this
country: who refused to say one word,
in his message to Congress, against
lynching. The time has come for the
colored men to stand together and
demand every manhood right that
other citizens enjoy. I will confess
that I believed when President Taft
was nominated, that being the son of
his father, we, as a race, might feel
safe with him as our President: and
thus believing I left my business and
remained on the stump for about six
weeks, neither asking nor receiving
compensation. I now declare that I
cannot support Mr. Taft, unless I lay
aside my manhood and race loyalty,
and this is out of the question. I
shall support the Progressive Repub-
licans, and do all in my power to
elect their candidate whoever he may
be, for I firmly believe they intend
to treat the Negro as a man and a
citizen, and I hope colored voters of
the country will do likewise.

Yours truly,
E. M. HEWLETT.

Y. M. C. A. RECEIVES \$25,000 FROM JULIUS ROSENWALD.

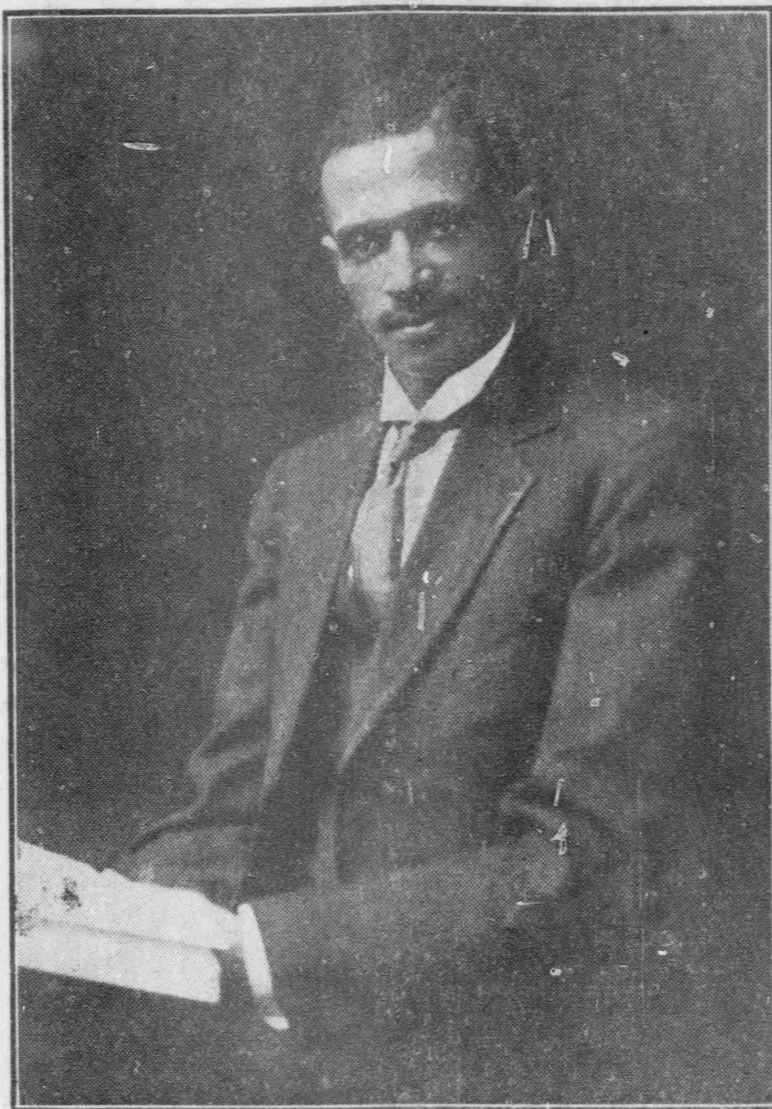
The members and friends of the
Y. M. C. A. had their hearts made
merry by the receipt of a Christmas
present from Mr. Julius Rosenwald,
in the shape of a check for \$25,000.
Mr. Rosenwald is president of the
Sears-Roebuck Co., a mail order
house of Chicago, Ill., and has of-
fered to assist the colored men al-
ong the country to the extent of
\$500,000, giving the last \$25,000 on
each \$100,000 building. He is a great
believer in the Y. M. C. A., and be-
lieves that it will be of untold value
to colored men.

When Mr. Rosenwald visited the
city last spring, he was much im-
pressed with the manner the colored
people of Washington had rallied to
the cause, and was much interested
in the story that H. W. Chase, a la-
borer, in the Government service,
an ex-slave, had given \$500 of his
life's time savings. Upon learning
that about \$40,000 was needed to com-
plete the structure, he offered to give
the \$25,000 on condition that \$15,000
be raised in subscriptions. The Cen-
tral Association (white) undertook
to raise the \$15,000 as part of their
contribution to the building. It was
thought that this could be easily
done, but the Central Y. M. C. A.
cavassers met some unexpected diffi-
culties. Some of the business firms
who profit largely by colored trade,
and who were expected to give to
this enterprise in proportion to their
colored trade, absolutely refused to
contribute. It was hoped that Mr.
Rosenwald's check would have been
received in time to complete the
building by Thanksgiving Day, 1911,
but the difficulty experienced by the
white Y. M. C. A. in raising their
pledged amount delayed the matter
until last week. The colored people
have paid over \$25,000 to date, and
have about \$3,000 outstanding in
pledges which will be collected now
as soon as possible. Washington col-
ored people have paid more money
toward the erection of a Y. M. C. A.
than any other city in the country.

Although the white Y. M. C. A.
fell short about \$4,000 in raising the
\$15,000 required, Mr. Rosenwald sent
his check on notwithstanding upon
assurances that they would raise it be-
fore March 1. This was done so that
work on the building could go on
and be ready for occupancy within
about 90 days from date.

Although the Y. M. C. A. has been
without permanent quarters the work
accomplished by this organization has
been of a very high order. They have
four well organized Bible classes, and
hold interesting meetings every Sun-
day afternoon. Last spring a series
of men's meetings were held at the
Howard Theater, at which the attend-
ance ran as high as some Sundays as
1,500 men. On one of these Sundays
86 men made a decision to lead the
Christian life. They secure employ-
ment for men, get their members re-
leased from the Loan Sharks, look
after wayward young men who come
to the city and fall into bad com-
pany and neglect writing home, sav-
ing their money, going to school, etc.

A big mass meeting will be held
by the Y. M. C. A. at Howard Thea-
ter Sunday, December 31, at 3:30 P.
M. Dr. P. O'Connell, of the Theo-
logical Department of Howard Uni-
versity, will speak on the subject
"The New Man." The Elk's Glee
Club, the Coleridge-Taylor Trio, Mr.
E. C. Jones, baritone, and the Lyric
Orchestra, will furnish music. Mr.
Julius Rosenwald, who recently gave
this association \$25,000, has been in-
vited to be present, and a New Year's



DR. JAMES E. SHEPARD.

January 23d, at the Bethel Literary and Historical Association.
Subject: "Religious Education the Hope of the Race."

message is expected from him at this
time. The ladies are especially in-
vited, and it is announced that the
doors will be open at 3 P. M. Mr.
Thomas, manager of the Howard, has
given the use of his house free of
charge to the association, in honor
of the great victory of the Y. M. C. A.
in securing the \$25,000.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS.

The Hope of the Colored Race—Prof.
Kelly Miller Gives Timely Warn-
ing.

(By Kelly Miller.)

To Educated Colored Men: Greetings.
I am taking advantage of the ap-
proaching New Year to address you
a few words of serious greeting. You
represent the first generation of your
race, now grown to fullness of the
stature of manhood, under the influ-
ence and power of education. You
are the first ripened fruit of philan-
thropy, and by you alone will wisdom
or folly be justified. The hope of the
race is focussed in you. You are to
furnish the head-light to direct the
path through the dangers and vicissi-
tudes of the wilderness. For want
of vision the people perish; for want
of wise direction, they stumble and
fall.

There is no body of men in the
world today, nor in the history of the
world, who have, or ever have had
greater responsibilities or more cov-
eted opportunities than devolve upon
you. It is indeed a privilege to be
a Negro of light and leading in such
a time as this. The incidental em-

barrassments and disadvantages which
for the time being, must be endured
are not to be compared with the far
more exceeding weight of privilege
and glory which admits you, if you
rise, to these high demands. For
such a privilege well may you forego
the pleasures of civilization for a sea-
son.

Your world consists of ten million
souls, who have wrapped up in them
all the needs and necessities, power
and possibilities, of human nature.
They contain all the forms of civiliza-
tion, from its roots to its florescence;
yours is the task to develop and vital-
ize these smothered faculties and po-
tentialities. Your education will prove
to be but vanity and vexation of spirit
unless it culminates in this task; you
are the salt of this earth, and if the
salt lose its savor, wherewith shall
it be salted? If the light within the
racial world be darkness, how great
is that darkness?

The highest call of the civilization
of the world today is to the educated
young men of the belated races. The
educated young manhood of Japan,
China, India, Egypt and Turkey, must
lift their own people up to the high
level of their own high conception.
They must partake of the best things
in the civilization of Europe and show
them unto their own people. Your
task is the same as theirs, intensified,
perhaps, by the more difficult and in-
tricate tangle of circumstances and
conditions with which you must deal.

You cannot afford to sink into
slothful satisfaction and do your little
job, draw your little pay, and enjoy
your tasteless leisure, and with inane

self-deception hide your little head
under the shadow of your wings, like
the foolish bird, which thereby hopes
to escape the wrath to come.

As you look over the field the whole
sweep of racial movement seems to
be retrograde. The race has been dis-
franchised and jim-crowed and segre-
gated; lynching and burning of Ne-
groes amid horrors of indescribable
atrocities, has become a fixed Ameri-
can institution. The Christian con-
science has become sear, and only
Christ in Heaven weeps.

There is no other source of help
but God and you. The white race,
through philanthropy, has done much;
but its vicarious task was practically
completed when it developed you.
You must do the rest. Our gratitude
can never repay the debt we owe.
They spoke for us when our tongues
were tied; they pleaded for us when
we were speechless. But now our
faculties are unloosed; we must
stand on our own footing. The great-
est gratitude that the beneficiary can
show to the benefactor is, as soon as
possible, to do without his benefac-
tion. True, we are not yet able to
cut loose wholly from the benevolent
assistance; we still need some more
ear-rings and finger-rings and other
furnishings from the Egyptians. But
the great outstanding fact remains,
the task of race statesmanship and
reclamation is not primarily the white
man's burden, but yours. Upon you
will depend its success or failure.

As far as righteous insistence upon
inalienable human rights will permit,
live at peace and helpful co-operation
with all men, North and South, East
and West. But never, under any in-
ducements of cowardice or prudence
or thrift, should you deviate from the
straight line of righteousness, which
alone points out the way and points
the way out.

Moral energy and race loyalty
should be brought to bear upon your
task whether you be engaged in the
production of wealth or in the more
condite pursuits, which administer to
the highest needs of man.

The white race is fast losing faith
in the Negro as an efficient accept-
able factor in the equation of our civiliza-
tion. Curtailment of political, civil
and general privilege and opportunity
is but the outward expression of this
apostasy. As the white man's faith
in you decreases, your faith in your-
selves must increase. Every Negro
in America should be taught daily,
with his face turned toward the light,
to utter this prayer: "Lord, I believe;
help thou my unbelief."

Through courage, expressed in the
active as well as in the passive voice,
courage to do and courage to endure,
you must so assert and exert your
manhood, that you will not only be-
lieve in yourselves, but the rest of
the world will be compelled to be-
lieve in you. Then, and not till then,
all will be well.

Such is the mark and the high call-
ing to which you are called. May you
rise to the level of it.

EDUCATION THAT COUNTS.

Miss Nannie H. Burroughs the Most
Eloquent Female Talker in the
United States—The Greatest Fe-
male of the Age.

When Miss Nannie H. Burroughs
addressed the Bethel Literary a few
weeks ago. She said in part, among
other things, that education is a
force at work, purging, purifying and
lifting man nearer to God, and at the
same time, bringing him closer to his
fellowman. The ultimate purpose of
an education is to put a helpful force
to work to improve society, there-
fore, the education that counts is the
education that is usable. Its results
must be visible.

"It is to be feared in this genera-
tion, when men are trying to get
away from God, instead of getting
closer to him, and thus, having more
power with him, that our schools are
developing a lot of infidels and reli-
gious faddists, who will so pauperize
us spiritually, that we will forget that
the way to prosperity and plenty is
by way of the throne of God, and
that the old cross is still the center
of the highest civilization, and that
men must look to calvary if they de-
sire to live. There is a great need of
having all men, who are preparing to
be of service in this world, to realize
that the greatest of all teachers is the
man of Galilee, and their education,
etc. Education, to be of service, must
fit one for everyday life and everyday
living. It must be broad and practi-
cal.

"There are hundreds of men and
women today, trained in our institu-
tions, who are sitting down, waiting
for positions and harassing their
friends to death for jobs, when there
is work, and plenty of it, right under
their noses. They may find it neces-
sary to fell the trees, lay the founda-
tion and rear the superstructure, but
who should be better prepared to do
this work, and plenty of it, and to
rejoice in the fact that God calls his
best ones to stand in trying places,
because there are trying places
where some one must stand, and the
careless and indifferent are not great
enough for such a service; to what
uplifting force must we look? * *
There are hundreds of incompetent
young people, who take out their
working papers every June, and can
do absolutely nothing satisfactorily.
They drift from one trivial job to
another, and when they have been
knocking about for three or four
years, hunt; g. find a job and then a
square meal, they become disgusted
with themselves, and decide to go
somewhere and learn something at
which they can make a living."

It has become known that Miss
Violet Edmonds, the Brookline hei-
ress, who was engaged to marry the

PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

Important News Happenings
of the Week

DEVOTED TO GENERAL INTEREST

(By Miss G. B. Maxfield.)

May the year of 1912 bring happi-
ness, prosperity and success to all.

That General Morales is likely to
forfeit his life by his last attempt at
rebellion in Santo Domingo, is the
tenor of advices received from Hayti.
It is understood that the ex-president
is soon to be put on trial for his life.

Henry L. Watterson, editor of the
Louisville Courier-Journal, in an in-
terview, said: "Rooseveltism would
mean absolutism if they put him in
the White House again, and we will
never get him out, except feet fore-
most."

During the general holiday festivi-
ties the Chinese children of this city
were not forgotten. Last Tuesday
evening the spirit of Christmas reigned
in the Chinese Chapel, and a score
of boys and girls celebrated the birth-
day of the King of Kings.

Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president of
Harvard University, is resting quietly
at Kandy, Ceylon, after an operation
for appendicitis. Almost a hundred
cable messages were sent out from
university circles wishing Dr. Eliot
Christmas greetings.

President Taft has been presented
with a book issued by the Southern
Commercial Congress, entitled "The
South's Physical Recovery." At the
time of the presentation a committee
representing the Southern Commer-
cial Congress invited President Taft
to the Nashville convention of the
Congress next April. The invitation
was accepted tentatively.

George Dewey, Admiral of the
Navy, celebrated his seventy-fourth
birthday on the 26th. Admiral Dewey
made no elaborate plans for the cele-
bration. He ended his last sea cruise
October, 1890, since which time as
Admiral of the Navy and president
of the general board, he has had his
headquarters in this city.

Upon the grave of Clement C.
Moore who wrote "Twas the Night
Before Christmas," a holy wreath
was placed by 100 Sunday School
children.

Miss Clara Barker, founder of the
Red Cross, celebrated her ninetieth
birthday Christmas day very quietly
at her home in Glen Echo, Md.

Jean Baptiste Le Guen, globe trotter,
journalist and linguist, arrived in this
city Christmas day, and after a brief
stay will continue his walk around
the world. He started on his tramp
in 1902, and since that time he spends
only three days in one city, stopping
just long enough to obtain the auto-
graphs of prominent men.

Among the popular books edited by
colored Americans this year are, "My
Larger Education," by Dr. Booker T.
Washington; "The Quest of the Sil-
ver Fleece," by Prof. W. E. DuBois,
and "Wisdom Call," by Rev. Sutton
E. Griggs.

L. K. Salisbury, president of the
Mississippi Delta Planting Company,
Memphis, Tenn., which employs thou-
sands of Negroes in connection with
its operations, is to deliver one of the
principal addresses at the Tuskegee
Negro Conference, to be held January
17 and 18.

Washington was fourth among all
the cities of the United States in
point of building for the month of
November, only New York, Chicago
and Boston exceeded the Capital in
the amount of new building for which
permits were granted and contracts
awarded.

A new and very valuable oil has
been discovered in tomato seed by an
expert chemist in Italy. The oil is
useful in the manufacture of high-
grade varnish. It is highly transpar-
ent, possesses great lasting qualities,
and dries very quickly, without con-
tracting or producing cracks.

A new movement to aid in the up-
lift of the masses and to correct the
abuses from which they are supposed
to be suffering, was formally launched
at the initial convention of the In-
diana State Air Club.

Harry K. Shaw, slayer of Stanford
White, is preparing to make another
fight for liberty from the asylum in
Matteawan, N. Y.

Endoros C. Kenney, principal of the
high school in New York, spoke of
the foolish care we take to prevent
criminals from taking their own lives.
He also urged that doctors be per-
mitted to kill patients suffering from lin-
gering, fatal illnesses, in an address
before the Washington Secular
League.

Assembling the parts of the Colum-
bus Memorial to be erected on the
Union Station Plaza, was started last
week. The massive blocks are arriv-
ing daily at the Station, and work-
men are laying the foundations. The
contract calls for the completion of
the memorial by May 1. It will cost
about \$100,000.

When the employees at the railroad
station and the telephone and tele-
graph offices went to work Christmas
day at Tarrytown, N. Y., they found
gold pieces awaiting them with the
season's greetings, of John D. Rocke-
feller and Helen M. Gould.

John R. McLean, proprietor of the
Cincinnati Enquirer, and the Wash-
ington Post, sent two checks of \$500
each to Cincinnati, for the Firemen's
Protective Association and the Police
Relief Fund, as a Christmas gift. It
is said he also remembered the fire-
men and policemen of this city, but
wished no publicity to be given.